

ARE WE WINNING THE WAR ON INVASIVE SPECIES?

What:

A workshop for operators, regulators, researchers & educators concerned with managing invasive species.

Objective:

Showcase and discuss the application of software developed to assist in evaluating the economics of managing invasive species in agriculture and the environment.

When:

November 7-9th, 2007 at Holiday Inn, Port of Miami-Downtown

Why:

See attached Brief on Invasive Species

Primarily For:

- ❖ Industry operatives and resource managers, faced with invasive species problems
- ❖ National and State regulators challenged with developing invasive species policy
- ❖ Researchers eager to learn new techniques
- ❖ Agriculture and natural resource educators

Registration:

No registration fee prior to November 2. A \$50 fee will be required for registrations after November 2. Participation limited to the first 60 people. Pre-registration advised.

Program Highlights:

- ❖ Plenary speakers and round table discussions
- ❖ Software application demonstrated with varied case studies
- ❖ Visit to Miami Seaport to observe handling, inspection and monitoring of agricultural shipments
- ❖ Participants' 'walk-through' of model application

Hotel Rates:

Special rate of \$ 115.00 per night plus 13 % tax. Book directly with the Holiday Inn Port of Miami-Downtown • 340 Biscayne Boulevard • Miami, FL 33132
Tel. (305) 371-4400 or Web www.hiportofmiami.com

Mention the group name Invasive Species Group to get the special rates.

Workshop information:

- ❖ Complete program available at <http://www.iatpc.ifas.ufl.edu/>
- ❖ Contact Vicki Jenkins to register, telephone : 352-392-1881, ex 300; Fax: 352-392-9898; Email: vlj@ufl.edu

BRIEF ON INVASIVE SPECIES

Invasive species are organisms living outside their natural habitats, with the ability to establish themselves, out-compete native species and take over their new environments. It is indisputable that such species pose severe threat to biodiversity and can cause significant irreversible environmental and socio-economic impact at the genetic, species and ecosystem levels. It is also incontestable that increased globalization of markets with explosive rises in global trade, travel and tourism are fuelling the spread of such species. Deliberate efforts must be made to reduce the risks posed by invasive species. What is not clear, however, is the level of success being achieved in combating the introduction and spread of these invasive species.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide a forum to report on some of the initiatives undertaken to safeguard the U.S. and collaborating Caribbean countries from invasive species. It also offers the opportunity to demonstrate Pest Box, a comprehensive pest risk management software developed by researchers at the University of Florida. The software combines economic and scientific analyses into a single decision-making framework for more efficient and effective resource allocation. By means of a modeling system, the software allows the user to evaluate potential damages from pest invasion and the impacts of alternative management options.

Registration Form
TSTAR Workshop: Winning the War on Invasive Species

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Contact details:

Mailing Address _____

Email address: _____

Phone # _____

Fax # _____

Invasive species interest (please check all applicable):

- Industry operative**
- Resource manager**
- Researcher**
- State regulator**
- Federal regulator**
- Agriculture/natural resource educator**
- Non-governmental agency**
- Other (please elaborate)**